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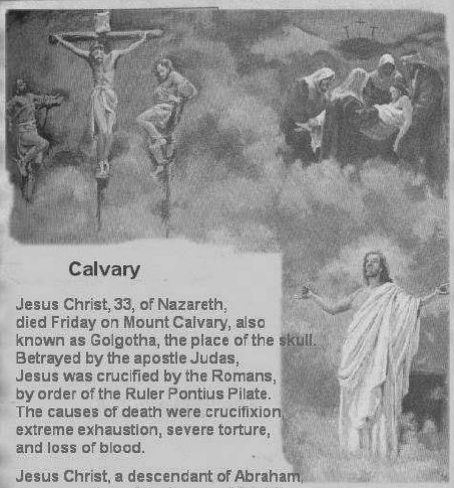

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INTRODUCTION:

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The Lord came upon me in the night during an unusually difficult time in my life. What type of suffering I was undergoing really doesn't matter, but be assured that my health, my physical well-being, my marriage, my children's welfare, my ability to hold a job, my husband's lack of a job and its subsequent loss of medical insurance during a crucial medical crisis were all contributing to the shambles of my life in that moment of my reckoning. And I felt very abandoned by a great deal of my friends and family. Whether or not this was actually true, I felt it to be true at that moment, just as we all do at random difficult moments in our lives.

My great Lord awoke me in the night with a simple command, "Write," he said, "write about the things I am trying to show you through Utter Desolation."

I began to write . . .

CHAPTER ONE

What is God trying to show me through Utter Desolation?

It seems that God is trying to show me several things through utter desolation:

1.) Most people really don't care that much.

2.) True friends are few.

3.) Most things don't really matter.

4.) Everything outside of God is totally nothing.

5.) Religion, when practiced as 'religion' in a legalistic way, is purely heretical and completely contrary to the teachings of the Prophets and the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

6.) Religion, when practiced from a mystical point of view, becomes divine and all-seeing, knowing, feeling and all-powerful.

7.) Priests are not God men; very few have become true Alter Christus - either perfectly or imperfectly.

8.) Hypocrisy rules much religion and many Churches.

9.) It's not okay that this is so.

10.) The moneychangers are in the temple . . .

CHAPTER TWO

If these Suppositions are True, then are these Conclusions also True?

1.) The lies that people believe about you don't matter if God knows they are not true.

2.) There is nothing in this earth that can come close to the beauty of Our Lord.

3.) There is no earthly love (except perhaps between mother and child to some degree) that can come close to the love you experience when you are standing in the Presence of God.

4.) Therefore, ALL ELSE, EXCEPT THE SEEKING OF GOD, has no meaning.

5.) In God's Presence, nothing earthly or physical may change, but everything BECOMES peace.

6.) People who practice Religion very rarely KNOW God.

7.) Those who KNOW God cannot practice Religion well because they MUST move with the spirit.

8.) If they do not move with and become one with the Spirit, they will die.

9.) They will die because once you've KNOWN God, nothing else is sufficient.

10.) So in order to live, they must 'die' to this life and all of its peculiarities, rituals, false piety, falsehoods, random show - and meet God ALONE.

11.) And when we meet God ALONE, chaos subsides, love becomes all that remains and we cease fruitless movement and activity.

12.) If God is there, it doesn't matter if anyone else is. He is sufficient.

CHAPTER THREE

If these Suppositions are True, then how do we teach worldly souls to cease seeking Him only in ritual and to thirst for private communion with Him?

1.) It would seem that it can only be sought by a few, because too many are attached to worldly views and distractions.

2.) I MUST SEEK MY ONE TRUE LOVE, my Lord, and stay with Him at all times.

3.) His spirit must take me away from the chaos and into the peace.

4.) I MUST STOP SEEKING GOD'S CHARITY IN HUMAN BEINGS, but only in Him ALONE.

5.) I must give Him my whole self - so that whether others choose to do so or not - that I may embody God's charity and be that light that can rarely be seen on earth to my fellow suffering brethren.

6.) I need to give myself completely to my Lord accepting NO intermediaries. This does not mean I cease to honor the position of men who stand in His Presence, but it means that I listen to God first.

7.) I must STORM THE GATES OF HEAVEN with love for my fellow suffering brethren and for His children and DEMAND that they ALL be saved.

8.) But I must do this mystically, so that my steps may be set aright and God's purpose be fulfilled.

9.) I must release all need to be understood, cared for, loved, or for any need and I must do so in total resignation to the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ - in that it will be in suffering that the Lord will become able to move in me. Therefore, if suffering is required to make this possible, I must resign myself totally to His will.

10.) I MUST BE HIS SLAVE, willing to accept whatever hardships He deems necessary.

11.) I must resolve to BECOME the compassion to others which has been denied to me, to BECOME the love which has been denied to me, to BECOME the hope, the faith, the understanding that has been denied to me and to my suffering brethren.

12.) I must STAND for those who cannot, PRAY for those who cannot and EMBODY the Gospel of Jesus Christ by knowing profound desolation and abandonment in times of suffering. I MUST BECOME FOR OTHERS all those things which in this moment I feel have been denied to me.

13.) By so doing, GOD TRIUMPHS in my weakness and HIS LOVE will reach from Heaven to earth through me because He has honored me by allowing me to KNOW utter desolation. Can anyone

understand desolation lest they've truly walked the path?
14.) By KNOWING utter desolation, God prepares me to help others in utter desolation.

15.) In the end, we will heal ourselves by healing one another.

CHAPTER FOUR

If these Suppositions are True, than how do we answer the question of suffering in the world?

1.) We answer that God is good and true - no matter what suffering we or any other may endure.

2.) God remains faithful even in desolation.

3.) He is the one light that never dims, the one heart that never stops loving, the one mind that never ceases to understand.

4.) God is the answer.

5.) No other answer can be sufficient.

CHAPTER FIVE
Epiphany!

1.) Desolation is the door!

2.) Desolation makes it possible for us to see God.

3.) God is present in all things, but it is in desolation that we become most able to find Him ourselves.

4.) Desolation is a gift!

5.) Desolation brings us back to our core of mortality.

6.) Desolation forces us to come down from all of our earthly delusions as we are reduced to dust.

7.) What can be humbler than dust?

8.) By becoming dust, our eyes may be suddenly opened and we are then able to SEE the face of our Beloved.

9.) And it is only then that we finally and truly KNOW love.

10.) I shall receive desolation with honor because it is known to bear great fruit.

CHAPTER SIX
Deliverance!

1.) My desolation has become my deliverance!

2.) How can I reject it?

3.) It has opened a door and I don't want to close it.

4.) It has given me understanding.

5.) I no longer need to be understood.

6.) It has given me . . . all I need by taking away everything I did not need.

7.) I stand face to face with my Lord and I know all has been ordained for my greater good.

8.) I KNOW HE is my true spouse.

9.) He provides for all that has been wanting.

10.) And I FEEL now, that He loves me profoundly and it has pained Him to see me suffer.

11.) But we stand in triumph together because our marriage has borne great fruit.

12.) Now, I must wait. For now, we are together silently because words are unnecessary.

CHAPTER SEVEN

Peace!

1.) And all is peace!

2.) My gracious and loving Lord, who has stood with me from the day of my birth and has never left me no matter how many others did, stands alone with me.

3.) I finally realize my past, present and future is with my beloved heavenly spouse.

4.) And although he chastises me when I need it, He NEVER leaves.

5.) In this moment, I realize that what I've been seeking has always been there.

6.) And He says, "Now, go. Help others to see this, too." For I know that My Lord loves all His children in this way.

7.) And then I understand the equation:

Desolation = Doorway = Emptiness = Heavenly Visitation = Translation of suffering into . . . MISSION!

8.) God allows us to experience desolation so that we completely feel, understand and know the needs of our brethren.

9.) By KNOWING this, we are then enabled to become a vessel of God's grace to our fellow suffering brethren.

10.) Some of us will be freed of our sufferings and given the opportunity to physically help our brethren with our newfound understand of their needs.

11.) Some of us will not survive those sufferings and it is these who are even more BELOVED of God. Their offering of prayer and loving submission to His will, in concert with the offering of their daily pains, becomes a bouquet of flowers soaring to heaven on the incense cloud of prayer.

12.) And when we are able to realize that we love our heavenly spouse even more because He has taken everything meaningless away and allowed us to suffer for our good and the good of others, we can confidently approach the table of the heavenly banquet with our empty plate and know that it is full in the eyes of Our Lord.

13.) The Lord gives, the Lord takes away . . . . Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

14.) In my ecstasy, I find suffering to be preferred, because I now understand how my suffering pleases and assists my beloved.

15.) By offering my own suffering, and allowing my soul to be permanently etched with the knowledge

that suffering affords, I allow my beloved to make my life a sacrifice to Him.

16.) I now plead with my Lord to simply allow me to become a sacrifice for Him. I do this because I love Him so deeply, that I wish to give Him anything and everything He could ask of me.

17.) I desire to bring all those who are lost back to Him. I desire this profoundly.

18.) I desire it because I love Him with all of my heart, and I know He loves them with all of His.

19.) I want Him to have all of his beloved, and I'm willing to give him anything He asks so that it may be done.

20.) Then I realize: Love = Sacrifice

21.) I will give all to my beloved and continually plead that He makes my sufferings fruitful for all mankind . . . OR for one soul. It may be great or small, it doesn't matter.

22.) Religion = Rules, Ritual

23.) God = Love

24.) I CHOOSE YOU, GOD!

CHAPTER EIGHT
Embracing the Suffering!

I gladly walk through the door of desolation. I ***want*** to share your agony! I want to wipe the sweat off of your brow and give you consolation.

I know you are waiting. I've left you for a time, thinking that religion alone was the way to you. But in my misunderstanding, I lost Your presence because I sought worldly things, people and places.

Thank you for always letting me come back to you, my beloved God!

Religion is a PATH, it is NOT the TRUTH! The TRUTH IS YOU! I'd already had You, how foolish of me. Make me an instrument, my beloved Lord.

"Brothers and sisters: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."

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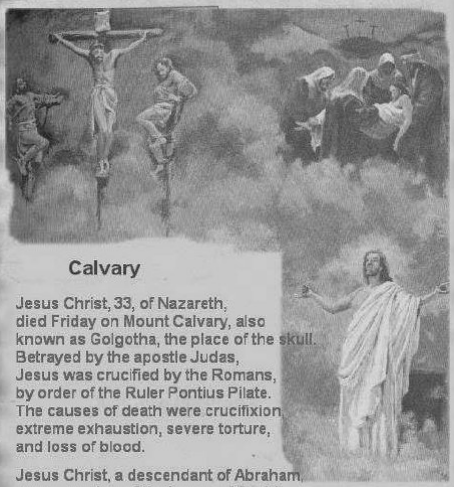

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